

## STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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## STATE GUIDE PLAN PROJECT

The purpose of the State Guide Plan (SGP) is to guide the future land use and conservation in the State. Established by State Law, the SGP is not a single document but a collection of plans referred to as Elements. As of August 2016, there are 25 Elements. The SGP should be relevant and up to date to guide decisions and actions that affect Rhode Island. The Division of Planning (DOP) has been working to simplify the SGP by combining Elements that cover similar topics and eliminate topics that are no longer relevant. There are five Elements that have not been updated in an extremely long time. The DOP proposes to recommend to the State Planning Council to repeal these five obsolete Elements. All have been checked to ensure that no goals, policies, or other materials important to on-going work will not be lost by the repeal. The DOP has contacted known stakeholders to determine if any of the five elements might still have value or if there were any objections or concerns to the repeal of the Elements. No objections or concerns have been received. The elements proposed for repeal are below. They can be read at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/planning/>.

Element #	Title & Explanation
110	<b>Goals and Policies</b> – This is a list of goals and policies adopted in 1974. Since then, numerous topical elements have been adopted by the State Planning Council with unique and distinct goals that have not been cross referenced or added to this Element. The Element is out of date, and redundant.
112	<b>Resources Management in the Reuse of Surplus Navy Lands</b> — This is a procedural Element from 1979 and restricted to the areas of the former Quonset/Davisville, Melville, and Newport Navy bases. It is now redundant to the State Planning Council Rules of Procedure and more recent planning documents such as the Quonset Development Park and Aquidneck Island West Side Master Plans.
621	<b>Policy Statement: Proposals for a New or Restructured Public Transit Facilities or Service</b> — This Element established procedures for review if a new or restructured public transit facilities or service was proposed in 1987. It consists of policy statements that reiterate 1987 legal mandates and lacks any goals or actions. The policy expressed is contained in other more recent SGP Elements; <i>Land Use 2025</i> and <i>Transportation 2035</i> , which makes this Element redundant.
131	<b>Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor</b> - This was a work plan adopted in 1990 for the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission. It has been replaced by a new master plan for the federally approved Blackstone Valley National Park.
912	<b>Howard Center Master Plan, Phase 1</b> - This Element is a plan for addressing concerns about the then vacant Howard Center in Cranston in 1994 and the Plan is outdated. There are no goals or policies from this Element that are currently relevant. The site is no longer vacant, is now used for government offices, and is named the Pastore Center.

Contact  
Us

*If you have  
concerns or  
objections to the  
proposed repeal any  
of the five  
elements listed.  
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by  
August 22, 2016

## Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

### State Planning Council

**Thursday, August 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m.,**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,  
Conference Room A

### Technical Committee **CANCELLED**

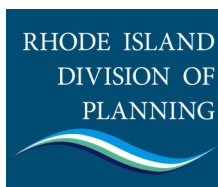
**Friday, August 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,  
Conference Room A

### Transportation Advisory Committee,

**Thursday, August 25, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,  
Conference Room A

### RIGIS Executive Committee

**Thursday, September 15, 2016, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room  
60 Quaker Lane,  
Warwick, RI 02886



## Mark your calendar!

The Division of Planning will hold a Planners' Forum on Friday, September 16, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Cranston Public Library.

The Forum will feature an outside speaker and topics will include the Long Range Transportation Plan and Legislative Updates. There will also be opportunity for discussion. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at



### The Department of Environmental Management

invites you to attend a public workshop to discuss the

**DRAFT RULES & REGULATIONS for the New Farmland Acquisition Program.**

The Draft Rules & Regulations can be found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/pnfarmacq16.pdf>

The purpose of the program is to purchase farmland in danger of being converted to non-agricultural use, and to facilitate the affordable transfer of such land to qualified farmers. The program was approved by voters via the 2014 Clean Water, Open Space and Healthy Communities Bond Referendum. DEM is seeking input from the public to ensure this program meets the needs of the farming community and is successful in reaching its stated goals.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Location:** DEM, Room 300  
235 Promenade Street,  
Providence RI 02908,

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## URI's Geospatial Training Program

### Introduction to GIS

August 9 - 11, 2016

8:30 AM - 4 PM

Cost: \$750.00

For more information and to register:  
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/training/intro-to-GIS>

This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.3.1<sup>®</sup>, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

All participants receive hands-on software instruction, training materials with step-by-step exercises and training data. Upon successful completion of the course, participants receive a URI Certificate of Course Completion. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.



### Cool, crisp, clear...safe to drink?

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- Monday, September 19, 2016, 6 – 7 PM  
at the Jamestown Philomenian Library,  
Jamestown, RI
- Monday, October 24, 2016, 6 – 7 PM at  
the Louttit Library, West Greenwich, RI

To register, call URI at 401-874-4918.  
Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

For more information on private well  
protection, see: [www.rowelltesting.org](http://www.rowelltesting.org)

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## Census Data Bulletin

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### Rhode Island Median Household Income

The [July Census Data Bulletin](#) explores median household income in the state and region using the latest American Community Survey estimates. The bulletin also compares the most recent 5-Year ACS household income estimates (2010-2014) to the previous non-overlapping 5-year ACS household income estimates (2005-2009).